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SUBJECT: CANADA: Views on Zimbabwe bid for CSD Chairmanship

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Emboff delivered demarche to Deborah Price, Special Advisor in the UN and Commonwealth Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT). Price reaffirmed Canada's opposition to Zimbabwean bid for the Chairmanship of the 16th Session of the CSD and noted that Canada's Foreign Minister has just approved a series of demarches expressing their concern which will be delivered in various capitals over the next few days. Price mentioned that Canada hopes to build a consensus among African countries to set aside their claim on the Chair for the 16th session of the CSD. Should Canada not be successful in gaining that consensus Canada will vote against the Zimbabwean candidacy.

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